

**Abstract**

Methods for the treatment of interferon-response disorders by administration of an interferon alone or in combination with adjunctive therapy are described. The invention encompasses providing to a patient both a formulation of an interferon that is suitable for short-term administration and a formulation of an interferon associated with a sustained release delivery system that is suitable for long-term administration. A principal advantage of the method is that responsiveness to treatment can be ascertained with short-term dosimetric techniques using one formulation of an interferon, which permits the appropriate selection of a dose that is both effective and safe for long-term administration using the second formulation.

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